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Thanks

... to those parents who supported their children with ICAS practice exams over the holidays.

... to those parents who attended mid-year interviews at the end of last term. Your contributions and positive feedback were very much appreciated.

People of the week

... our ICAS candidates

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

1 August	ICAS English Exam
3 August	Choir rehearsal
9 August	Taniwha Challenge (Zone Cross Country), Te Horo
11 August	Applications close for out of Zone Places (T4, 2017)
15 August	ICAS Maths Exam
17 August	W.G.H.S. enrolment interviews (on site)
18 August	Out of zone ballot date
21 August	BoT meeting
22 August	School Cross Country
31 August	Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament
31 August	Whangarei Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
5 September	Boostrix Vaccinations (Year 7 boys and girls)
12 September	Choir performance at Forum North
19 September	Year 7 and 8 Volley Ball Tournament
22 September	Northland Cross Country
25 September	School Talent Show
27 September	Junior School Production
28 September	Final day for term 3 (16.10 ... First day term 4)

Change of Clothes

Due to current weather conditions we suggest that students (especially younger students) have a spare change of clothes in their bag for wet weather accidents. This set of clothes could also be used for cross country practice runs which are being held most days. Thank you.

Commencing Virtue term 3

Please find attached support material for the **Service Virtue**. Our overarching virtue this year is HUMILITY. Children also know this as lifting others up, or as being "other- centred". Giving service to others reminds us that the world does not revolve around us, that we have a duty to care for others, and that, when we do this, we miraculously feel better inside ourselves.

Please ...

... discuss the importance of being other centred with your children

... talk about the satisfaction you get when you practise other centred-ness

... set some other centred-ness goals and let us know of any special moments.

Reminders from last term

... parents of year 8 students are asked to keep us informed please of any change in intended secondary school. This is so that we can do our best to get you the information you need and so that we can of maximum assistance with class placements.

Attendance Term 2

The school is required to monitor attendance rates and to investigate in the event that attendance falls below the Ministry benchmark. Regular school attendance is a critical component of educational success. If you have received a letter this week advising of less than ideal attendance please make contact with us so that we can work together to improve your child's school attendance. Sometimes the solutions can be quite simple ones.

Cohort Consultation

The Board is currently seeking your feedback on cohort entry for 5 year olds. A letter (and explanation) were sent out via email this week and information can also be found on our facebook page. If you would like to feedback on this issue please note that we require this feedback by 18 August so that this can be considered at our board meeting on 21 August. We will keep you informed.

Out of Zone ballot for term 4 2017

A reminder that applications for out of zone places for term 4 2017 close on 11 August. The ballot will be held 18 August, with applicants advised within 7 days. Out of Zone places for 2018 should be advertised around late September.

High School Presentations/Open Evenings

Parents of year 8 students will have received a comprehensive outline of forthcoming secondary presentations and open day dates. If you have misplaced this, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brenda. We will keep you advised of other dates as these come to hand.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Classes

Parents of year 7 and 8 children are reminded that technology classes (formerly woodwork, cooking and soft materials) started for our seniors this Friday, and will take place every Friday until the end of the year. This ensures that our senior pupils receive an equivalent (or greater) specialist teaching component in these subjects than year 7 and 8 children at other schools. Parents will receive a more detailed letter shortly, but we especially draw your attention to the following ...

- ... children will be offsite at the Hukerenui Technology Centre for the duration of Friday
- ... they will need to have footwear and clothing suitable for a workshop context
- ... children will also need to take their lunch and drink bottle with them to the Tech Centre

Homework

Please do your best to ensure that children complete their homework on designated afternoons, or drop a quick note or email to their teacher if things are getting a bit hectic at home. Most of all we do not want to be chasing homework from children whose circumstances make homework "too big an ask" for them. While we think that there is benefit from doing homework, we are more than happy to excuse students from homework at a parent's request.

International Schools Competitions

Further practice papers for both the English and the Maths exams were issued this week on request. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home please (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided). A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 1 August & Mathematics - 15 August. As the English exam is next Tuesday we suggest just one more practice and then a slight break before test day.

Zone Cross Country - Te Horo Taniwha Challenge - Year 4-8s

Permission forms have been sent home for the Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country at Te Horo School) this is an optional event, if your child has not brought home a permission form and you would like them to participate in this event please contact the office for a form. All permission forms for this are due back at the office no later than Wednesday 2nd August.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 19 October 2017

If you haven't already, you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2017. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. A pet booklet will be sent home with interested children nearer the end of term. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

Scholastic Book Club

Forms for Issue 5 were sent home today, all orders and payments due back at the office by Friday 11th August.

Headlice Inspections

Please give Helen a call next week if you are in a position to help with term headlice inspections. These are critical if we are to keep on top of this problem and so please put your hand up if you can help.

Calendar Art Orders

Order forms were sent home today. If you would like to see your child's artwork before ordering, please ask at the office. Orders and payments are due back at the office no later than Friday 1st September. Please note: should you require orders later than this date this will be possible, however a freight cost will be incurred.

Year 7 and 8 Badminton Day - 9 August

Children expressing interest will bring a consent form home tonight. Due back 1.8 please. Any questions to Brenda or Katie please.

Attending Matarau School in 2018?

At the end of last term we advised that we would be seeking an indication of which children may not be at Matarau School in 2018. Planning is already under way for 2018 and we want to make the good decisions based on good information. So ... if you are certain (or reasonably certain) that your child(ren) will NOT be at Matarau School next year could you please phone (or email) Helen next week.

This request is not intended for those who are unsure, or whose circumstances are fluid, you need time and space to make decisions in your own time. This is for those who know for certain. **So ... if your child(ren) will DEFINITELY NOT be with us next year please pick up the phone on Monday and let us know or leave a voice message over the weekend.**

Finally

Welcome to the new term. Plenty to get excited about, including cross country, talent show, regional science fair and more. Please get involved where you can. Most of all, please help us to convey the joy of "other centred-ness" as a way to practise humility. We want children to understand that **some (or maybe much) of what we do (or say) centres either on self, or centres on others, this is a matter of choice.** There may be a time and place for the former, but the latter is what makes people and places exceptional. While it isn't the way much of the world works, wouldn't it be amazing if other centred-ness is what we become best known for. So please get behind this effort to make us exceptional where it **really** counts!

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.*

Community Notices



Recycling Old Mobile Phones After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme. It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the Office at School.

Zonta's Great NZ Book Sale – Forum North Saturday 30th July 7-5pm; Sunday 31st 9 – 3pm.

Wanted - Beef Farm Worker, Purua Area. Handyman, Builder, Fencer. Casual or Full Time. Ph 433 5636.

Joy Allcock – From Language to Literacy parents evening seminar, St Johns Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kamo Road Friday 18 August 7.30pm. \$5 entry donation to go towards Dyslexia children. To reserve a seat please contact 430 0693 or admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz

2nd chance
to order

NOTHING NAUGHTY NUT BAR FUNDRAISER

Thanks to the parents who ordered boxes. These were sent home with children on Monday. We have had interest from families in placing a 2nd order. If you would like to order a box of bars to sell (or for your pantry) please contact either Lisa Ryan or the school office **by next Friday - 4 August.**

- Nothing Naughty Protein Bars are available in 7 flavours (CARAMEL, ESPRESSO, FUDGE, MINT, PINEAPPLE, RASPBERRY and VANILLA BEAN)
- Fruit Bars are available in 2 flavours RASPBERRY or VERY BERRY
- Fruit & Nut Bars are available in 2 flavours APRICOT & MACADAMIA or CRANBERRY & CASHEW
- Request Low Carb Bar are available in 3 flavours (LIQUORICE, MINT, TOFFEE) - these are new
 - Popular with gym members, weight watchers & families interested in a healthier alternative.
 - All bars come in packs of 20 Bars per pack - \$40 per box / \$2 per bar.
 - Any combination of any bars can be ordered per box.

For more information on flavours & ingredients please check out the website - www.nothingnaughty.kiwi.nz or to order contact Lisa Ryan by text on 0274 543 630 or Lryan@matarau.school.nz, or email Helen at the school office on admin@matarau.school.nz